

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action Under *Ex Parte Quayle*, the declaration was objected-to as failing to comply with the statement set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56a.

The Figures were objected-to as having different reference labels (33 and 60) for a controller. The Figures were also objected-to as having a single label (W) for a workpiece and a width. The Figures were further objected-to as having a single label (56) for a tool storage device and a key. The Figures were objected to as lacking labels (74 and S40) described in the specification.

The specification was objected-to for perceived informalities.

Claims 23-24 were rejoined, and claims 14 and 21-24 were indicated to be allowable. Cancellation of withdrawn claims 15-19 and 25-41 was required (though the Office Action required cancellation of claim 42, no claim higher than claim 41 has been presented at any time).

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-13, 15-19 and 25-41 will have been cancelled.

Applicants are submitting herewith a new executed Declaration which includes the statement set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56a. Nevertheless, Applicants note that the objected-to language in the original Declaration is language previously specifically authorized in the Code of Federal Regulations, and replaced by new language in a revision to the Code of Federal Regulations in 1992. Applicants acknowledge that the new language authorized in the Code of Federal Regulations as of 1992 is not identical to the language previously specifically authorized in the Code of Federal Regulations. However, Applicants also note that the original Declaration

was executed in 1997, and the intent to acknowledge the requisite duty to disclose material information was clearly met by Applicants' signatures on the original Declaration. In any case, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the original Declaration, at least in view of the concurrent submission of the new executed Declaration.

Applicants traverse the first objection to the drawings. In this regard, the label 33 is used to designate a punch-press numerous controller, as shown in Figure 1 and described at page 10, lines 29-30. However, the label 60 is used to describe a central controller, as shown in Figure 10 and described at page 14, lines 5-11. Therefore, the Figures do not have different labels for the same controller, and the objection to the Figures on this basis is incorrect.

Upon entry of the present Response, a replacement Figure 19 will have been submitted to replace original Figure 19. Replacement Figure 19 replaces the labels W with the labels JW, and the corresponding paragraph of the specification at page 27, line 30 to page 28, line 11 has also been revised in accordance with the revision in Replacement Figure 19.

Upon entry of the present amendment, Replacement Figures 11 and 12 will have been submitted to replace original Figures 11 and 12. Replacement Figure 11 replaces the label 62 with the label 57 (i.e., to designate a "key" of the die 28), and the corresponding paragraph of the specification at page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 3 has also been revised in accordance with the revision in Replacement Figure 11.

Upon entry of the present amendment, Replacement Figure 10 will have been submitted to replace original Figure 10. Replacement Figure 10 replaces the label 72 with the label 74 to designate an encoder, and designates the TURRET DRIVER with the label 72.

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Upon entry of the present amendment, Replacement Figure 21 will have been submitted to replace original Figure 21. Replacement Figure 21 adds the label S40 to the step designated END.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the paragraph of the specification from page 10, line 11 to page 10, line 28 will have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Office Action.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the paragraph of the specification at page 16, lines 4-7 will have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Office Action.

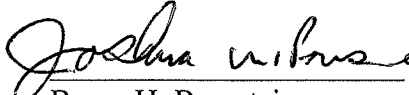
Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based on prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to be attached thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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